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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 13, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Further and favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-3, 5, 12, 13 and 15 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by McGaffigan (U.S. Patent No. 5,526,561). The Examiner contends that the method described in Figures 10-13 of McGaffigan anticipates both independent claims (claims 1 and 12) of the present application. For at least the following reasons, the Examiner's contention appears to be incorrect.

In the method of Figures 10-13 of McGaffigan, a plurality of ferrite rods 90 are glued to one side of a silicone rubber form sheet 94. The rubber form sheet 94 is disposed against the flat surface of a D-shaped mandrel 92.